

2nd March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Further to my letter last week I am now able to confirm testing arrangements ahead of students returning to the classroom over the course of the week beginning 8th March. The guidance is that students should take their first three lateral flow tests, supervised, on the school site. Following that they will be given tests to carry out at home.

Year 8 are coming in to school for their HPV vaccinations this Friday, 5th March. We will take the opportunity to carry out their first lateral flow tests on that day. Times will be communicated separately.

From Monday 8th we will hold two testing sessions each day, as indicated below. Students should arrive via the main gate, where they will be given their test card and bar code. We will ask/support them to register before they come in to the atrium to do the test, which takes about 10 minutes. All students are being shown a video in assembly this week of what the testing looks like.

If the weather is fine they will wait in the playground. Please ensure that they have a warm coat with them, just in case it is needed. The results come through in around 30 minutes; students will be able to go up to their classrooms at that point if it is negative. Any students whose test result is positive will be sent home to self-isolate as per government guidelines.

Date	Testing Session 1 Time 8.30 – 11.30	Testing Session 2 Time: 12.00 – 3.00	Lessons
Friday 5 th March	Year 8		All students (7 – 13) will be set independent work for their lessons on this day
Monday 8 th	Year 11 Arbib: 8.30 a.m. Henley: 9.00 a.m. Gaia: 9.30 a.m. Globe: 10.00 a.m. Grace: 10.30 a.m. Darwin 11.00 a.m.	Year 12 & 13 12 & 13 HT1: 12.00 12 & 13 HT2: 12.30 12 & 13 HT3: 1 pm 12 & 13 HT4: 1.30 pm 12 & 13 HT5: 2.00 pm	Year 8 on site and in class Year 11 in class when test results are confirmed 7,9,10, remote lessons 12 & 13 (P1-3 remote)
Tuesday 9 th	Year 10 Arbib: 8.30 a.m. Henley: 9.00 a.m. Gaia: 9.30 a.m. Globe: 10.00 a.m. Grace: 10.30 a.m. Darwin 11.00 a.m.		7,9 remote lessons all day Years 8, 11, 12 and 13 onsite Year 10 in class when test results are confirmed
Wednesday 10 th	Year 7 Arbib: 8.30 a.m. Henley: 9.00 a.m. Gaia: 9.30 a.m. Globe: 10.00 a.m. Grace: 10.30 a.m. Darwin 11.00 a.m.	Year 9 Arbib: 12.00 p.m. Henley: 12.30 p.m. Gaia: 1.00 p.m. Globe: 1.30 p.m. Grace: 2.00 p.m. Darwin 2.30 p.m.	Y9 remote P1 -3 Year 7 in class when test results are confirmed All other year groups in in class all day

From Thursday next week (11th March) all students will be onsite for all lessons, unless unwell or classed as a contact of a positive case. If your child is ill or needs to self-isolate, please follow the normal procedures for absence. We intend to deliver blended learning if needed in the coming weeks.

Once students are back in school, the Academy will run as it did in the Autumn term, with students in year group bubbles and separate zones. We will operate on the staggered start and finish times as below. Food will be available in the restaurant to one year group each day and all those entitled to a free school meal will be able to choose one.

YEAR GROUP	ALLOCATED OUTSIDE/ BREAK AREA	ENTRY	END OF DAY
6th Form	Arbib & 6 th Form Buildings	TLAP Gate 7.45 am – 8.05 am	2.40 pm TLAP Gate
Year 11	Astro Area Half	Main Gate 7.45 am – 8.05 am	2.40 pm Main Gate
Year 10	Astro Area Half	Main Gate 8.05 am – 8.20 am	2.30 pm Main Gate
Year 9	MUGA	TLAP Gate 8.05 am – 8.20 am	2.30 pm TLAP Gate
Year 8	Main Playground One half	Green Drive Gate 7.45 am – 8.05 am	2.40 pm Green Drive Gate
Year 7	Main Playground One Half	Green Drive Gate 8.05 am – 8.20 am	2.30 pm Green Drive Gate

Friday finishing times are one hour earlier than the above.

There are two additional measures for the coming weeks.

- **Masks are to be worn in lessons, as well as in communal areas. If you believe your child cannot do this, for medical reasons, please let their RSL know. All students should carry two masks on them at all times, please.**
- **Students are not allowed in groups of more than 6 people, when socialising at break/lunch in outdoor spaces.**

We must continue to adhere to all the guidance as necessary to ensure the ongoing protection of ourselves and each other.

Finally, please do follow this link to the consent form [here](#) if you haven't done so already.

Please note that all students should return in their **full school uniform**.

There has been a great deal written about the impact of the past year on education. As we come back together we will be seeking opportunities, as the possibilities grow, to support students both academically and pastorally. We are very much looking forward to coming together as a community again.

Your sincerely



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